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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

BRODBECK, *et al.*

APPLICATION NO.: FILED HERewith

FILED: AUGUST 25, 2003

FOR: **IMPLANTABLE GEL COMPOSITIONS AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE**

EXAMINER: UNASSIGNED

ART UNIT: UNASSIGNED

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir/Madam:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-7 with the following:

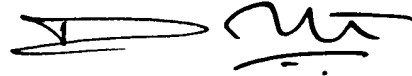
-- This application claims priority to U. S. application Serial No. 09/585,590,
filed June 2, 2000 which in turn claims priority from U. S. application No. 08/993,208
which further claims priority from U. S. Application Serial No. 60/137,815, filed June
4, 1999, all of which are incorporated herein by reference. --

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are novel and nonobvious over the art and comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Accordingly, allowance is believed to be in order and an early notification to that effect would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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